



September 5, 2007

To the County Commissioners:

The 2007 Ravalli County Fair is over and great success was achieved. It is still too early to determine the financial outcome, but most indicators appear positive. After 112 years, appreciation for and participation in the Fair seems to be at an all-time high.

According to the most recent revision of the Commission By-Laws, dated April 19, 2007, item #1 states that the Fair Commission may be composed of five to eleven members, and must have an odd number of members. I urge your thoughtful consideration on expanding the Fair Commission to seven members from its current five.

Most members of the current commission have served faithfully for many, many years, and their historical input is valuable. However, a majority of the members are getting quite elderly and are just plain tired, without fresh ideas and energy. We need help. The board needs new vitality and energy. Please, please expand the Commission to seven members.

As to prospective members, I have spoken with Kathy Good about applying for membership on the Commission. She has served many organizations in Ravalli County as an outstanding and willing volunteer, including years of service to the Fair. Her performance as acting Superintendent qualifies her as a great Commission member.

Also, Lee Schraff has, for the past several years, acted as the organizer of the Back Country Horsemen who are the ticket takers and sellers for the Fair. He attends most Fair Commission monthly meetings and can always be counted on for astute observations and suggestions for changes to make the Fair an ever-better event.

I urge you to please appoint these two class individuals with their proven interest and performance to the Ravalli County Fair to the Fair Commission.

Sincerely yours,

Win C. Smith, Vice Chairman  
Ravalli County Fair Commission